

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Middle District of Alabama
08--MDAL-08

About the Office:

The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama has jurisdiction and responsibility in a broad range of areas, all of which involve representing the legal interests of the federal government, primarily in United States District Court. The Middle District of Alabama consists of 23 counties in central and southeastern Alabama and employs approximately 50 persons, including 20 Assistant United States Attorneys. The United States Attorney, Leura G. Canary, is currently seeking to hire an outstanding candidate for an Assistant United States Attorney position in the Criminal Division. More information about our office can be found at our website: <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/alm/index.htm>

Responsibilities and Opportunity Offered:

The District is seeking applications from highly qualified attorneys who will be responsible for investigating and prosecuting various criminal cases.

Qualifications:

Required qualifications: Applicants must possess a J.D. degree, be an active member of the Bar in good standing (any jurisdiction), and have at least 1 year post-J.D. work experience as a lawyer or federal judicial clerk.

Preferred qualifications: Applicants should demonstrate quick analytical ability and the facility to accurately and precisely articulate the critical issues in a case. Applicants should demonstrate superior oral and writing skills, strong research and interpersonal skills, and good judgment. Applicants should possess excellent communications and courtroom skills and exhibit the ability to work in a supportive and professional manner with other attorneys, support staff and client agencies. Applicants should possess excellent computer skills which should include experience with automated research and various word-processing systems. The applicant will be expected to do the majority of his/her own legal research and writing and should be substantially self-sufficient in preparing day-to-day correspondence and pleadings.

Travel:

Occasional travel within and outside the District will be required.

Salary Information:

Assistant United States Attorneys' pay is administratively determined based, in part, on the number of years of professional attorney experience. The salary starts at \$48,309.00, which includes locality pay.

Location:

The United States Attorney's Office in Montgomery, Alabama, is located at 131 Clayton Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Montgomery is the capital city of the state, but has a small town atmosphere. The office is a short and easy commute from most outlying residential areas. Montgomery is a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

Relocation Expenses:

Relocation expenses will not be authorized.

Application Process and Deadline Date:

Persons interested in this position should send a detailed resume, one writing sample and cover letter to:

Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney
Middle District of Alabama
Attention: Retta Goss, Administrative Officer
131 Clayton Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

No telephone calls, faxes or emails please. **Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. CST on September 5, 2008.**

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of such factors as academic performance, federal court experience and/or trial experience, research and writing ability, oral communication skills, computer literacy skills and other legal and community service experience.

Internet Sites:

This and other attorney vacancy announcements can be found at:
<http://10.173.2.12/oarm/attvacancies.html> <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/alm/index.htm>

Department Policies:

Equal Employment Opportunity and Security Clearance Policies.

Assistant United States Attorneys generally must reside in the district to which he or she is appointed. See 28 U.S.C. § 545 for district-specific information.

The U.S. Department of Justice is an Equal Opportunity/Reasonable Accommodation Employer. Except where otherwise provided by law, there will be no discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, color, race, religion, national origin, politics, marital status, disability, age, status as a parent, membership or nonmembership in an employee organization, or personal favoritism. The Department of Justice welcomes and encourages applications from persons with physical and mental disabilities. The Department is firmly committed to satisfying its affirmative obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to ensure that persons with disabilities have every opportunity to be hired and advanced on the basis of merit within the Department of Justice. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the agency. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

It is the policy of the Department to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment. Employment is also contingent upon the completion and satisfactory adjudication of a background investigation. Only U.S. citizens are eligible for employment with the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the United States Attorneys' Offices. Unless otherwise indicated in a particular job advertisement, non-U.S. citizens may apply for employment with other organizations, but should be advised that appointments of non-U.S. citizens are extremely rare; such appointments would be possible only if necessary to accomplish the Department's mission and would be subject to strict security requirements. Applicants who hold dual citizenship in the U.S. and another country will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

There is no formal rating system for applying veterans' preference to attorney appointments in the excepted service; however, the Department of Justice considers veterans' preference eligibility as a positive factor in attorney hiring. Applicants eligible for veterans' preference are encouraged to include that information in their cover letter or resume and attach supporting documentation (e.g., the DD 214 or other substantiating documents) to their submissions.